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THE ANSWER OF MR. HAYS.

The gauge of battle is down. The republicans stand ready to accept whatever battlefield their democratic opponents may choose for the coming campaign. That is the gist of the speech of Chairman Will H. Hays of the republican national committee Saturday before a meeting of state workers in Maine. When the democrats concentrated on the league covenant without the dotting of an 'i' or the crossing of a 't' we met them squarely. When through their national chairman, fresh from a conference with their candidate, they pronounced the covenant only a secondary issue, we acquiesced. When their candidates reversed their national chairman and declared the Wilson league the sole issue, we accepted most readily.

The choice of an issue is up to the new leader of the democratic party, says Mr. Hays. It matters not to us. Our sole requirement is that there shall be no restrictions. This referendum is going to be more than solemn. It is going to be great, the most comprehensive ever known. Before it is ended, it will have promised every phase of administration and every flock of Wilsonites that have brought untold miseries upon a people who have every right to be prosperous and contented.

Turning later to the charges of the democratic candidates that the republican campaign fund would reach an immense sum and that certain interests were lured together to buy the presidency for the republicans, Mr. Hays continued: They thus deliberately accused Mr. Harding, your national committee and myself of being engaged in a conspiracy to betray our country. That, I submit, is a serious charge. If it could be substantiated, no punishment of those found guilty could be too severe. It cannot be, of course, for the simple reason that it is not true. The speech goes on to give the plan of the republican committee to raise the necessary money for the campaign by subscriptions of less than \$1000, and refrains from criticism of the democrats in accepting as large contributions as were offered for the carrying on of their campaign. It is an admirable statement of the stand of the two parties on this question and is a full, candid and sincere answer to the unfounded charges of the democratic nominees.

Reasserting the readiness of the republicans to meet the democrats on any issue they may choose in the campaign, Mr. Hays gives fair warning that neither the republican candidates nor the republican management will take false aspersions lying down. If at the instance of our adversaries this campaign shall finally resolve itself into a question of personal characters, we know of now reason, aside from natural distaste, why we should not meet that issue as readily as any other. With Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge as our candidates, all we ask is a fair contest; and that we propose to have.

MR. POST CHANGES HIS MIND.

The announcement that a thorough "housecleaning" will be started immediately in the bureau of immigration by Assistant Secretary of Labor Post recalls the savage attacks made upon him by members of congress some time ago. These attacks culminated in a suggestion that impeachment charges be brought against him and the occasion for them occurred last winter when the activities of revolutionary aliens centered attention upon the bureau of immigration, charged with the duty of deporting guilty offenders.

The accusations against the assistant secretary were based mainly upon the alleged cancellation of deportation warrants by the department of labor and the attacks upon the bureau went to the extreme of charging that the department was honeycombed with sympathizers with revolutionary propaganda. A congressional committee was appointed and an investigating committee appointed, but no action was taken toward his removal. During the entire dispute with congress upon the administration of the bureau of immigration he maintained that conditions were satisfactory and that the department was functioning in a satisfactory manner.

With the new announcement that both the field and office service are to be reorganized it becomes evident that the protestations of Mr. Post concerning the efficiency of the department were not founded upon fact and that the attacks have secured results in that the assistant secretary has conducted a personal examination of the bureau and has become converted to the need of more efficiency therein.

CALIFORNIA'S POLITICS.

Wilson's league of nations and its ardent supporter, Governor Cox, the democratic nominee for president, will have hard sledding in California at the election in November, according to indications at the recent registration of voters for the August primaries. Details have just been given out by the secretary of state at Sacramento.

Despite the fact that for the first time in history a national convention was held in California, little enthusiasm was aroused among the democrats by the nomination of Cox. Indeed, the reaction was very marked, because for the first time in the history of the state every county showed a republican majority in the recent registration for the primaries.

In 14 counties the republicans led the democrats in registration by more than three to one. The total republican registration was 421,582, while the democrats could muster only 141,175.

A number of former socialist office-seekers in Nye county are filing this year as independent candidates despite the fact that they are still socialists and have not renounced their party. One of them, on being asked concerning his politics, is said to have remarked that the only thing against him was that he was a socialist. On their petitions the names of a number of citizens appear who have evidently not given the matter serious thought when loaning their names to the petition. It is reported that these "independents" are having a hard time getting the necessary 10 per cent of signatures on the petitions.

TURKS BOYCOTT GREEK BUSINESS

Nationalists Preach Revolution Against Enforcement of Peace Treaty

(Correspondence of Associated Press) CONSTANTINOPLE, July 22.—Nationalists are spreading their propaganda for a boycott against the Greeks by writing on the five-plastre note an appeal urging Turks to buy from Armenians or merchants of allied nationalities any article they cannot get from Turks.

There is no metal money circulating here now so that the small currency notes are used generally.

A Mustapha Kemal Pasha circular widely distributed in Antolia reads: "To our great regret France and Italy have associated themselves with the Boulogne conference's decision to accept the offer of Venizelos to have the Greek army enforce the peace treaty terms. This is part of the British policy for exterminating the greatest Mohammedan power, Turkey. The Greeks are trying to destroy the cradle of our forefathers. They have transformed mosques into churches. They have massacred our brothers and plundered their shops in Smyrna. These events have been confirmed by the allied commission whose report favored us."

The very powers that disapproved of the Greek atrocities are throwing these pirates against us. We must fight.

"A period of training is necessary. Enlist! Offer your sons! Advise deserters to return to the army. We shall smash the enemy by the aid of our Prophet."

FRENCH EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE

(Correspondence of Associated Press) PARIS, July 31.—Satisfaction is felt in France at the official statistics, just issued, of French imports and exports during the first six months of the year.

Exports show an increase of 5,096,000 francs, compared with the same period of last year. Imports also show an increase, over 2,061,000, but this increase is almost entirely due to materials for manufacture, which amounted to over 1,845,000.

The excess of imports over exports during the first half of last year was 11,037,000, while for this year this excess has fallen to 7,849,000, an improvement welcomed in the financial world as likely to affect French exchange favorably.

BAN ON BOXING IN MANILLA REMOVED

(Correspondence of Associated Press) MANILA, P. I., July 21.—Prize-fighting at private clubs, which has been under a ban in Manila for more than six months, again is flourishing, the ban having been removed by Mayor Ramon Fernandez.

The mayor has issued temporary license to a club which conducts the matches and he said that as soon as the management changes the by-laws as suggested by the city attorney he will grant a permanent license. The membership fee of the club is 50 cents a year. There is a large membership.

FEWER CHINESE MAKE HOME HERE

San Francisco Shows Large Decrease in Number of Orientals.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—San Francisco's Chinatown, at one time perhaps the largest in any American or European city, continues to decrease in population, according to statements from the Chinese consulate and the Chinatown police squad. Before the San Francisco fire there were over 30,000 Chinese here. It was estimated. Today Chinatown is credited with a population of between 5000 and 7000.

Chinese populations of other sections of the United States also are decreasing, according to census figures at the consulate. In 1900, they show, there were approximately 89,000 Chinese in America. In 1910 the number had decreased to about 71,000 and in 1920 to 55,000.

Eastern cities have called many San Francisco Chinese where they engage in the restaurant and laundry business. Chicago, it is said, has drawn heavily upon the San Francisco oriental quarter.

OREGONIAN ENTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21.—Rudolph Wilhelm, Portland, golf champion of Oregon and former holder of the Pacific northwest championship, announced recently that he had sent in his entry to the national golf championship tournament to be played at Long Island in September.

NOTICE

Local Engineers' Union No. 623 indorses the candidacy of W. R. Cochran for Constable.

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